

PUBLIC NOTICE

PERMIT APPLICATION: NRS #04.331

APPLICANT: State of Tennessee
Department of Transportation
Environmental Planning and Permits Division
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LOCATION: SR-15 from near Factory Branch in Belvidere to the Winchester Bypass.
Franklin County

WATERSHED DESCRIPTION: The Factory Branch watershed consist of numerous headwater tributaries and wet weather conveyances. Land use is predominantly rural agricultural and forests. Factory Branch is a clay/bedrock-bottomed intermittent stream and varies in width approximately 5 – 10 feet with 3 – 5 foot banks. The existing vegetation along the stream channel consists of mature hackberry, American elm, box elder, and cedar.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The applicant proposes to improve 4.896 miles of SR-15 (US 64) from near Factory Branch in Belvidere to the Winchester Bypass. This would involve permanent impacts to wetlands and stream crossings. .

Station 534+00+/- (SR15): Factory Branch. Existing conditions consist of 294 ft. of open stream. Applicant proposes to install 2 @ 10 ft. X 10 ft. box bridge with 47+/- ft. of transition at the inlet and 53 +/- ft. at the outlet (50 ft. of which would be riprap lined). There would be a loss of 15 ft. of stream length.

Station 31+39+/- (Cunningham Road): Factory Branch. Existing conditions consist of 64 ft. of open stream and 25 ft. of 60 inch CMP. The applicant proposes to install 41 ft. of 12 ft. X 7 ft. box bridge with 48+/- ft. of transition.

Station 599+50+/- to Sta. 609+45+/-: Wetlands. Permanent impact (filling) to 2.58 acres and temporary impact to 0.72 acre of isolated wetlands. Other aspects of this project are covered under General Permits.

The applicant proposes to mitigate wetland impacts by debiting, at a 2:1 ratio, 5.5 acres of available wetland credit from the Coffee County Wetland Mitigation Bank. Applicant proposes to mitigate for 235 ft. of stream encapsulation/loss and 50 ft. of riprap lined channel by paying 54,500.00 into the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Foundation In-lieu Fee Stream Mitigation Program. Standard erosion control devices would be used to prevent sediment from entering flowing water. Upon completion of the work, all disturbed areas would be stabilized.

PERMIT COORDINATOR: Brian Canada, STATE OF TENNESSEE, Department of Environment and Conservation Division of Water Pollution Control, 7th Floor, L&C Annex, 401 Church Street, Nashville, Tennessee 37243-1534

USGS TOPOGRAPHIC QUADRANGLE: Belvidere, TN (87-NW).

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: The application described above has been submitted for an Aquatic Resource Alteration Permit pursuant to *The Tennessee Water Quality Control Act of 1977*, T.C.A. §69-3-108.

The purpose of this notice is to advise all concerned of the proposal for which a permit is sought, and to solicit comments and information necessary to evaluate the probable impact of the activities upon the respective water resources. The decision whether to issue or deny will in part be based upon that evaluation. All factors that may be relevant to the proposals will be considered.

Persons wishing to comment on or object to the issuance of a proposed permit are invited to submit comments in writing to the Department of Environment and Conservation Division of Water Pollution Control at the address listed above. Written statements received in this office on or before the date of expiration of the comment period thirty days from the publication date of this notice will become part of the record and will be considered in the determination. The applicant's name and permit number should be referenced.

Interested persons may also request in writing that the director of the Division hold a public hearing on any application. The request must be filed within the comment period and must indicate the interest of the person requesting it, and the reasons that the hearing is warranted. When there is sufficient public interest, the director shall hold a hearing in accordance with Rule 1200-4-7-.04(4)(f).

After consideration of comments submitted during the public comment period, the hearing record if any, and the requirements of federal and State law, the director of the Division will make determinations regarding the final action on each permit. Permit applications, supporting documentation, and related comments are available for review and/or copying.



